

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 12:15 p.m., Rm. 113,
First Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jon Carlson, Gene Carroll, Dick Esseks, Gerry Krieser, Roger Larson, Mary Strand and Lynn Sunderman; Melinda Pearson and Tommy Taylor absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marvin Krout, Kent Morgan, Mike DeKalb, Steve Henrichsen, David Cary, Sara Hartzell and Michele Abendroth of the Planning Department; Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins and Mike Brienzo of Public Works & Utilities.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: **Update on Comp Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan (CP/LRTP) Schedule**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Randy Hoskins presented a handout of the compilation of the written comments received at the Open Houses held in December. There were a total of 106 people who signed in at the Open Houses.

Hoskins then presented the Comp Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan (CP/LRTP) Community Events Schedule for January through August 2006. He noted that the City has changed the type of transportation model being used. The new model is called TransCad. It is GIS-friendly and very powerful. It will provide a lot more tools to use. They have completed the calibration of the new model. They will update the Commission on the results in February. A couple weeks following that, they will present the model predictions on the future traffic conditions in 2030. In March, they will present alternative networks and systems plans. In April, they will narrow the alternatives and a final selection will be made in May. At that time, a more detailed analysis will be done.

Esseks asked how political realities are figured into the analysis. Hoskins stated that there are several means of review built into the process. First, it will be run through the Mayor. They will also seek input at the City/County Common Meetings. There are also several Open Houses. Esseks asked if they are planning to consult with the Chamber of Commerce or realtors. Hoskins responded that it currently is not scheduled, but they could do so. Strand suggested seeking input from the development and land use attorneys, who are working with clientele in this realm. Carlson noted that we need to be mindful of the fact that the Planning Commission has been identified as the

community liaison.

Carlson suggested that financial estimates be attached to the alternatives, as he feels that in order to make judgments, they need to have numbers attached to the scenarios. Strand added that she feels it is the role of the Planning Commission to look at the general plan, and it is the responsibility of the City Council and County Board to look at the financial aspects. Carroll stated that he feels having cost estimates are important in the process.

Hoskins continued with the Events Schedule and stated that the final draft of the report will be released in August. Steve Henrichsen stated that the goal is to have the final plan adopted by the Mayor, City Council and County Board by the end of the year. Henrichsen reviewed the types of meetings represented on the calendar. They include briefings prior to regular Planning Commission meetings, special Planning Commission meetings and hearings, and meetings regarding the Southwest Wastewater Facility.

In terms of specific changes to the schedule, Commission members and staff agreed to cancel the March 1 Planning Commission working session but lengthen the working session on March 8 with March 9 as a backup.

Carroll suggested that data be given to the Commission members prior to the briefings, so they have time to review the information which will help facilitate the briefings.

The meeting concluded at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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